

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Original) A hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus comprising:
a housing;
a battery located in the housing;
a motor located in the housing and connected to the battery;
an output drive shaft powered by the motor;
a cleaning attachment coupled for movement with the output drive shaft; and
a liquid delivery system having a reservoir, a nozzle, a valve and at least one fluid conduit, the reservoir being coupled to the housing and operable for storing a pressurized fluid therein, the nozzle being coupled to the housing, the valve being at least partially housed in the housing and being operable for selectively permitting the fluid to be dispensed through the fluid conduit between the reservoir and the nozzle.
2. (Original) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the reservoir has a variable internal volume.
3. (Withdrawn) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 2, wherein the reservoir includes a resilient bladder.

4. (Withdrawn) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 3, wherein the reservoir further includes a bladder housing into which the resilient bladder is received, the bladder housing being operable for inhibiting expansion of the resilient bladder beyond a predetermined amount.

5. (Original) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 2, wherein the reservoir includes a reservoir housing and a piston that is slidably received into the reservoir housing.

6. (Original) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 5, wherein the reservoir further includes a spring for biasing the piston into the reservoir housing.

7. (Withdrawn) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 5, wherein the reservoir is removable from the housing.

8. (Withdrawn) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 2, wherein the reservoir includes check valve in fluid communication with the resilient bladder, the check valve being operable in a first condition that permits the fluid to be introduced into the resilient bladder for filling the resilient bladder, the check valve being operable in a second condition that inhibits the fluid from flowing from the resilient bladder through the check valve.

9. (Original) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the fluid conduit includes a first portion, which fluidly couples the reservoir and the valve, and a second portion, which fluidly couples the valve and the nozzle, the valve including a valve element that is interposed between the first and second portions of the fluid conduit, the valve element being selectively positionable in a first position, which inhibits fluid communication between the first and second portions of the fluid conduit, and a second position, which permits fluid communication between the first and second positions.

10 - 21. (Canceled)

22. (New) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the housing includes a handle and wherein the reservoir extends from the housing generally parallel to the handle.

23. (New) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 22, wherein the handle and reservoir are generally perpendicular to a rotational axis of the motor.

24. (New) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 22, wherein the battery is received the handle.

25. (New) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 5, wherein the reservoir further includes a cylinder sleeve that is removably coupled to the reservoir housing.

26. (New) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the housing includes a handle and a switch that is electrically coupled to the battery and the motor is mounted to the handle, the switch being operable for selectively activating the motor, the switch including a switch actuator that is adapted to be employed by an operator to selectively activate the switch, the switch actuator extending from a first side of the handle, the valve including a valve actuator that is adapted to be employed by an operator to selectively actuating the valve to permit fluid communication between the reservoir and the nozzle, the valve actuator being disposed on a side of the handle opposite the switch actuator.

27. (New) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 26, wherein the switch actuator is disposed between the handle and the reservoir.

28. (New) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 26, further comprising an extension handle that is removably coupled to the housing.

29. (New) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 28, wherein the removable handle includes a handle actuator, the handle actuator permitting remote actuation of one of the switch actuator and the valve actuator when the extension handle is coupled to the housing.

30. (New) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the housing includes a pair of housing shells and a cap, the housing shells cooperating to define a handle into which the battery is received, the cap closing an end of the handle.

31. (New) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 30, wherein a pair of electrical contacts are coupled to the cap, the electrical contacts being electrically coupled to the battery and being adapted to be electrically coupled to a source of electrical power to recharge the battery.

32. (New) The hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the valve includes a valve body and a valve element that is disposed in the valve body, the valve element being biased into a position that inhibits fluid communication through the valve body.

33. (New) A hand-held motorized household cleaning apparatus comprising:

- a housing having a body portion and a handle portion;
- a battery located in the handle portion of the housing;
- a switch that is mounted in the handle portion, the switch being electrically coupled to the battery;
- a motor located in the body portion of the housing, the motor having a rotational axis that is disposed generally perpendicular to the handle portion, the motor being electrically coupled to the switch and the battery;
- an output drive shaft driven by the motor;
- a cleaning attachment removably coupled to the output drive shaft for movement therewith; and
- a liquid delivery system having a reservoir, a nozzle, a valve and at least one fluid conduit, the reservoir extending generally parallel to the handle portion of the housing and including a reservoir housing, a piston, a spring and a cylinder sleeve, the reservoir housing being coupled to the body portion of the housing, the piston being received in the reservoir housing and cooperating with the reservoir housing to define a variable volume fluid container, the cylinder sleeve being coupled to the reservoir housing, the spring biasing the piston away from the cylinder sleeve, the valve coupled to the housing and operable for selectively permitting fluid communication through the at least one fluid conduit between the variable volume fluid container and the nozzle.